“Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens”

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

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The website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to all our students and families. I trust you have all enjoyed the holidays, and the break from the busy school routines. It was wonderful to see our students return on Wednesday smiling and relaxed and ready for learning.

A very warm welcome to our new Preps and their families.

The start of a new year brings some new faces to our staff—Welcome to Jessica Lewis who will be working with Grade 2/3 and to Ashlea Tresize who is currently replacing Belinda Kitchen in an ES role for the next 6 weeks until a replacement is appointed. All staff have been busy setting up classrooms and organising start of year activities to ensure our students have the best start to the year as possible, and can feel
organised and ready for a great term of learning. Classroom teachers will be sending home a welcome note with all students shortly which will include important information regarding your child’s year ahead.

A few “Beginning of the year” reminders:

- As our school is a “Sun Smart” school all students are required to wear a wide brim hat outside. Please label hats as this makes it much easier to return them if they get lost.

- Playing and learning can make our kids extra hungry… please make sure you are sending enough healthy food to last throughout the day. Involving your child in choosing their snack and lunch will ensure that your child is bringing food they like and will eat 😊 During this warmer weather a water bottle is essential in helping kids stay hydrated.

- All classrooms have a toasted sandwich maker and microwave to make use of. If your child requires a spoon/fork please send one with them.

THANK YOU – To the Connell family for painting the safety markings throughout the school during the holidays.

Kind Regards, Bri.

Conveyance Allowance

These forms are now available from the office. To qualify for this allowance you need to travel 4.8km or more to your nearest bus or school. Any queries please contact Natalie
Clark in the office. If you have previously received Conveyance Allowance you do not have to fill the form in again, it automatically rolls over each year.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Please return Book Club orders to school by **Wednesday 12th February 2020**.

Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number.

If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Skipton Primary School”.

Skipton Primary School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources.

**Annual privacy Statement**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools’ Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school’s collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, see: Schools’ Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information also available in nine community languages.

**Garden Roster**

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing including the nature strip (not too short please), weeding and sweeping paths.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Dione Gardiner, Sally Wills, Jane Draffin and Karen Bodman

20<sup>th</sup> Feb - 4th March: Emma Smith, Amy Sim, Kerrie Mulcahy

5<sup>th</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Natasha Frisby, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew, Hayley Pappin

**CSEF ASSISTANCE**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps to ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to help cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

* on the first day of Term one, or;
* on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.
Parents who receive a Carer’s Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.
The annual CSEF amount per student is: $125 for primary school students

**How to Apply**
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. All applicants must complete and lodge their submission to the school by **21st March 2020**.
If you have previously received CSEF, you do are not required to fill in a form, it will automatically roll over.

**Working With Children Check**
We love having people helping out in the school. It has benefits for the teachers, yourself, but also sends a positive message to your child about the value you place on education. However, being a Child Safe School, we need to have volunteers obtain a Working with Children Check. The whole process is entirely free. Simply fill in your details online and get your photo taken at a participation Post Office (Beaufort, Bakery Hill – not Skipton). We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.